

Original Bowstring Society Guidelines and Requirements (Drafted Sept 3rd 1986)

Will Roger Chapter recognizes those Arrowmen of MaNu Lodge who demonstrate outstanding effort in the ceremonies and Indian Traditions of the Order of the Arrow with membership in a ceremonial clan called the Bowstring Society.

Membership shall be by nomination (on behalf of the candidate) or application (by the candidate himself) submitted to the Will Rogers Chapter Chief and referred to the membership of the society for appropriate action.

The Will Rogers Chapter Adviser, or his designated associate, shall serve as the Adviser to the Society.

Membership in the Bowstring Society shall be extended to those Arrowmen whose performance in the ceremonies of the Order reflects depth, understanding, commitment, and dedication. The candidate for membership must fulfill the following standards:

Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America

Be a registered member of MaNu Lodge

Be active in chapter and lodge functions

Possess a good, basic understanding of Indian lore

Demonstrate, by performance, a thorough grasp of the essentials of how to conduct effective ceremonies

Know thoroughly a complete part in three of the following ceremonies:
Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood or Vigil

Have a complete ceremonial costume (excluding bonnet) that meets the accepted standards for the part being performed

As a member of the ceremonial team, participate in a speaking role (one of the recognized four) in at least one Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremony

Meet with the minimum of three Society members for a review of all foregoing standards

Participate in the induction ceremony of the Society

Society inductions will be held at most major functions of MaNu Lodge or at a special gathering of the Society for that purpose.

Members of the Bowstring Society shall be presented a ceremonial sash which may be worn only during Lodge and Chapter functions. This sash consists of a white arrow set on a background of black. It is worn hanging from the belt.